

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

sub. a1 > 1. A ratchet tool comprising:

a ring-shaped head having a toothed member rotatably received therein and  
a handle having a first end pivotally inserted in said ring-shaped head, and

5 a pawl located in said ring-shaped head and between said handle and said  
toothed member, said pawl having teeth defined in a first side thereof so as to be  
engaged with said toothed member, a second side of said pawl engaged with said  
first end of said handle.

2. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said handle has a recess  
defined in said first end thereof and a protrusion extending from said second side of  
said pawl, said protrusion engaged with said recess.

3. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a flexible plate  
extending from said first side of said pawl and contacting said toothed member.

2 X 4. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising two springs  
received in said ring-shaped head and located on two sides of said first end of said  
handle.

3 X 5. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising two passages  
defined through said ring-shaped head and said two springs respectively received in  
said two passages, two bolts engaged with said two passages to retain said springs in  
20 said passages.